

I realize that the obligations of the broadcast media to serve the public good and not simply the good of the parent corporation has been largely removed in recent years. However, when a national media corporation decides to back a particular candidate in an election, and takes the time to air a full length smear "documentary" about the opposing candidate, they have gone too far.

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to require all of their stations to air "Stolen Honor" immediately before the presidential election demonstrates contempt for standards of community service that were law not too long ago. At the very least, they should air a show with opposing views for balance.

The FCC, in its role as steward of the public airwaves and public interest has an obligation to intervene and block this cynical use of public resources. Furthermore, the FCC needs to strengthen its enforcement of rules regarding programming in the public interest and seek to break down media monoliths like Sinclair. In years past, license renewal involved frequent solicitation of community feedback and a demonstration

of service to the
public. We have
lost our way in this
country when we let
the media companies
dictate what is in
our best interests.